

HB 6618
An Act Concerning Medical Assistance for Certain Persons Receiving
Abortion Care and Related Services in Connecticut

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I oppose this legislation for several reasons:

1. The murder of an innocent human is morally objectionable;
2. I object to the use of my taxes to fund abortion and related services;
3. Connecticut residents should not pay for services desired by residents of other states – their recourse should be to their own state governments;

Regarding the use of taxpayer money to fund abortion and related services, the Hyde Amendment, with a few exceptions, prohibits the use of taxpayer money to fund abortions (under federally-funded health care programs). That Amendment has been passed every year by the United States Congress for more than 40 years whether it was controlled by Democrats or Republicans. It therefore reflects the desire of a majority of Americans that they should not be compelled to support abortion. Similarly, residents of Connecticut should not be compelled to support abortion and related services.

Ella Grasso, the former Democrat governor of Connecticut and the first female governor in the United States in her own right, once said, ***"I'm opposed to abortion because I happen to believe that life deserves the protection of society."***

Did Gov. Grasso hate women?

Did she wage war on women?

What about the current Governor and General Assembly?

Do they support pregnancy resource centers that provide support for women who choose life for their unborn babies? No, they attack those centers with unjust legislation targeted to suppress their right to the free exercise of speech when, in fact, the CT Dept. of Consumer Protection said it has received NO complaints against any of those centers.

In Tennessee, their Governor recently proposed \$100 million to support pregnancy resource centers in that state; that's less than 3 cents of every \$100 of the State's economic output.

If Governor Lamont were to do likewise, that would amount to about \$81 million. But as you can see from HB 6618, its sponsors are not interested in spending even 1 red cent to protect life in the womb; rather, they prefer to extinguish it and to spread more pain and suffering to women of other states.

Shame on the Governor and the sponsors of HB 6618.

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